

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-1778

Nelson-Bowen House

1310 Hollins Lane

Mount Washington, Baltimore County

Circa 1854

Private

The Nelson-Bowen House, circa 1854, is located near Green Spring Junction and the historic village of Mount Washington, in the Ninth District of Baltimore County. This vernacular brick dwelling was constructed for Michael R. Buttner. The property remained in the Buttner family for forty-nine years. After the Buttners sold the property it exchanged hands eight times between 1903 and 2002. Located along Falls Road, an important turnpike during the 19th century, the Nelson-Bowen house is one of the earliest remaining houses in the area of Mount Washington.

Constructed circa 1854, this two-story vernacular dwelling is located along Falls Road at 1310 Hollins Lane. Fronting west towards Falls Road, this two-and-a-half-story dwelling is sited in a suburban setting on a sloping grassy lot adjacent to the Robert E. Lee Park. It is surrounded by mature and immature trees and shrubs, landscaping, and foundation plantings. A gravel driveway leads from Hollins Lane to the dwelling. A wood rail fence and a picket fence line the perimeter of the property. A 1940s garage is associated with the property. Sitting on a solid random rubble stone foundation, this brick dwelling is capped with a side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. The building is constructed in six-course American-bond, and the roof features overhanging eaves and a wood soffit. Two interior-end brick corbeled chimneys with a course of dentils rise above the roof. A two-story stucco clad addition, dating to the first half of the 20th century, is located on the north elevation. One covered chimney rises along the east elevation of the addition and pierces the roof. The one-story wood-frame garage is sited to the east of the house.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Nelson-Bowen House

other

2. Location

street and number 1310 Hollins Lane not for publication

city, town Baltimore vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James L. & Dianne E. Heffron

street and number 1310 Hollins Lane telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21209-2237

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 79, 118

city, town Towson liber 15955 folio 351

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- ☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	Total
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		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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EXTERIOR

The west elevation of the stucco-clad main block is two stories in height and three bays across with asymmetrical fenestration. The first story includes two 6/6 wood-sash windows with wood sills and jack-arch lintels. The off-center entrance contains a single-leaf 6-recessed panel wood door. An aluminum 1-light storm door covers this entry. The recessed entry features a Greek Revival wood door surround with an open pediment, a plain entablature, and pilasters. Illuminating the entrance is a 3-light transom. Leading to the door are four granite stone steps. The second story has three 6/6 wood-sash windows each, with wood sills and jack-arch lintels. Each of the windows are paired with wood louvered shutters. The first story of the addition has two 6/6 wood-sash windows with square wood sills. A single-leaf doorway was sized down to allow for the installation of a bay window with one 1-light vinyl fixed and two 1-light vinyl casement windows. Vinyl siding covers the area below the bay window. The second story of the addition contains two 6-light wood awning windows with thin wood sills. The stucco addition has a water table clad with stucco.

The north elevation of the addition has one 6/6 wood-sash window on the first story. The second story features two 6-light wood casement windows. Each of the widows have thin wood sills.

The east elevation of the main block has one 1-light awning window covered with a metal grate in the basement story. The first story exhibits two 6/6 wood-sash windows. A four-panel wood door is off-center and illuminated with a three-light transom. The second story contains three 6/6 wood-sash windows. Each of the windows in the main block are supported with wood sills and jack-arch lintels. Covering two bays of the addition is a half-hipped roof porch supported with brick posts. The first story of the addition has one single-leaf 6-panel wood door covered with an aluminum jalousie door. Flanking the door is one 6/6 wood-sash window with a thin wood sill. The second story of the addition have two 6-light wood awning windows with thin wood sills.

Two 6/6 wood sash windows on both the first and second stories are located on the south elevation of the main block. Each of the windows are framed with wood sills and jack arch lintels.

INTERIOR

The main block of the house features a central-passage plan with a straight-flight stair to the second-story hall. The closed stringer stair features round-nosed treads. The passage has retained the original plaster and painted walls and ceiling, and the original wood floorboards and flush five-inch baseboard. The west door uses a cyma reversa molding and retains the original brass knob. The door casings for the north and south doorways have beaded moldings. The south doorway contains a single-leaf wood 6-light, 2-panel wood door with the original brass knob. The north doorway contains a single-leaf 6-panel wood door with a brass knob. Both the north and south doors have flush panels.

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The living room to the south has retained the original random width tongue-and-groove floors, and painted plaster ceiling and walls. The baseboard around the perimeter of the room is original with an added shoe molding. The original window casings are beaded with flush sills, and the original door casings are beaded. The double-ogee crown molding around the perimeter of the room is not original. The doors have retained the original brass knobs and lock boxes. The fireplace on the south wall exhibits a replacement keystone marble mantel with a chamfered mantel shelf. Flanking the projecting keystone on the mantel are two marble inset panels. The mantle appears to date to the late 19th century. The fireplace features a small slate hearth. Built-in bookshelves, not original, are located in the southeast corner of the room.

The rear passage contains original random-width floorboards, and the original painted plaster ceiling and walls. Same as the front passage, the original five baseboard is flush. The original west door casing features an ogee molding. This doorway is illuminated with a 3-light hopper transom window. The south door leading to the living room is a single-leaf 6-light, 2-panel wood door with a brass knob. The north and south door casings are a simple beaded molding. Access to the basement is available through the doorway underneath the straight stair to the west. The basement doorway contains the original single-leaf 2-panel wood door with a replacement knob and lock box.

The dining room to the north of the passage has similar tongue-and-groove random-width floorboards as the living room. The painted plaster ceiling and walls are also original. Around the perimeter of the room is a flush baseboard with an added shoe molding. The original window casings are beaded with flush sills, and the original door casings are beaded. The doors have retained the original brass knobs and lock boxes. The double-ogee crown molding around the perimeter of the room is not original. With a slight variation in detail, the north fireplace marble mantel is similar to the one in the living room. The keystone is not set directly below the mantle shelf, and the inset panels do not continue the full-length of the surround to the hearth. The mantle appears to date to the late 19th century. The firebox is parged and not currently in use. Not original to the dining room, are built in shelves and cabinets west of the chimney breast.

North of the dining room is the addition containing a living room and a kitchen. The two-and-a-half inch tongue-and-groove floorboards in the living room are replacement. The masonry walls are painted, and the ceiling is painted wallboard with partially exposed ceiling joists. The original six-inch flush baseboard has a shoe molding. The original window casings are beaded with flush wood sills. One doorway has a 6-panel single-leaf wood door with a flush casing. Another doorway holds a single-leaf 6-panel wood door with a replacement knob and a quarter-round molding surround. The third doorway has a beaded door surround with a missing door. Three steps lead up to the fourth flush vertical board door which leads to the second story of the addition. Built-in bookshelves have been added to the west wall.

Much alteration has occurred in the kitchen. It has replacement thin pine floorboards, and replacement vertical-board and brick veneer covering the walls. The ceiling has been redone with textured plaster. The window casings are flush and there is a double-ogee crown molding around the perimeter of the room, which is not original.

The second floor of the main block consists of two bedrooms, a bathroom, and a linen closet. The master bedroom in the main block has the bathroom and a closet. The fireplace is filled in and covered and the surround is flush. The stair rail on the second story features a turned newel post. The fireplace in the second bedroom has been filled in and covered. The details on the second floor are similar to the first floor. The addition has a sloping ceiling and holds a bedroom and a large bathroom. The basement of the main brick section is not finished and exhibit pit sawn joists, parged stone floors and walls. On the east elevation is a jalousie door covered with a double-leaf metal grate door which leads to the exterior.

OUTBUILDING

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The one-story wood-frame garage is sited to the east of the house. It is clad in wood shingles and holds one roll-up paneled vinyl door. The front gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles and features overhanging eaves and exposed roof rafters.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1854 ca.

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1854 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT

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HISTORY

The Nelson-Bowen House, is significant for its location near Green Spring Junction which is situated on the Northern Central Railway near Lake Roland. With several mineral springs in the area, Green Spring Junction served as a summer resort for many Baltimoreans during the mid-19th century. By 1881, the Green Spring Methodist Episcopal church, an African-American congregation, was in the village.(1)

The small village of Mount Washington, located south of Hollins Lane, is also near the Northern Central Railway, five miles north of the Baltimore City line. The population in 1881 was 1061 people. The churches in the area include the Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. John's, a Presbyterian, and one Methodist Episcopal. Copper mining was important to the area during the late 19th century. In 1881, the town was served by a public hall, three public schools, a seminary for young ladies, and Champion Lodge, No. 84, Knights of Pythias.(2)

The Nelson-Bowen House is not noted on the 1850 Sidney Map. The land on which the Nelson-Bowen House is situated originally was part of Samuel Barnes estate in 1850. Samuel Barnes and his large estate is located on the 1850 map adjacent to the Northern Central Railroad.(3) In 1854 and 1857, Samuel Barnes sold two portions of his large estate to Michael R. Buttner. The architectural and primary evidence suggest Buttner had the dwelling built about this time. Michael Buttner and his wife, Anna, resided at here for the next thirty-two years. The 1877 Sidney Atlas outlines the property of 1310 Hollins Lane and denotes Buttner as the occupant.(4) In 1889, Michael and Anna transferred the property to a relative, Henry Otto Buttner, who kept it until 1903. James Starr purchased the property in 1903 and is indicated on the 1915 Atlas.(5) The property remained in the Starr family until 1926. It was exchanged four times between 1926 and 1939, when Eleanor Brooke Cottman bought it. Cottman resided here for thirty-six years and then sold the property to Robert F. Adsit. Adsit owned the property for twenty-seven years when it was then sold to James L. and Dianne E. Heffron.

This house at 1310 Hollins Lane, a vernacular 1850s brick dwelling, is a typical representative of brick dwellings located

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throughout Baltimore County. Vernacular buildings tend to have little to no stylistic detailing and are typically constructed by local builders with locally available tools and materials. Vernacular architecture accounts for the majority of the built environment and reflects the traditions of society, rather than the whims of the architect.(6) Throughout Baltimore County, there are a number of vernacular brick houses from this period. Commonly, as in the case of the house at 1310 Hollins Lane, these brick dwellings are two stories in height, single-pile with side gable roofs. This continuity of form is a result of folk architecture and the reliance on constructing forms that had been built by the previous generation.

CHAIN OF TITLE

May 29, 1854	Samuel and Susan Barnes to Michael R. Buttner Land Records of Baltimore County Liber HMF 9 Folio 258
June 3, 1857	Michael and Anna Buttner to Henry Otto Buttner Land Records of Baltimore County Liber NMF 19 Folio 235
October 15, 1889	Michael R. Buttner and wife to Henry Otto Buttner Land Records of Baltimore County Liber 177 Folio 151
November 23, 1903	Henry Otto Buttner to James T. and Catherine Starr Land Records of Baltimore County Liber NBM 272 Folio 14
September 19, 1923	C. Gus Grason, Trustee for Catherine Starr to John T. and Emma Starr and Bernard M. Starr Land Records of Baltimore County Liber WPC 580 Folio 80
July 23, 1926	John T. and Emma L. Starr and Bernard M. Starr to Edwina C. Wharton Smith Land Records of Baltimore County Liber WPC 634 Folio 341
November 15, 1929	Edwina C. and P.C. Wharton Smith to David M. Davis and wife Land Records of Baltimore County Liber 838 Folio 458
March 11, 1932	David M. and Elizabeth L. Davis to F. Carroll and Lillian B. Tormey Land Records of Baltimore County Liber LMCLM 896 Folio 33
October 10, 1939	F. Carroll Tormey and wife to Eleanor Brooke Cottman

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Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber CWB., Jr. 1077 Folio 242

December 18, 1975 Eleanor Brooke Cottman to Robert F. Adsit
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 5594 Folio 209

January 1, 2002 Robert F. Adsit to James L. and Dianne E. Heffron
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 15955 Folio 351

ENDNOTES

1. J. Thomas Scharf, History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 841.
2. Scharf, 839.
3. J.C. Sidney, Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).
4. Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).
5. Map of Baltimore County (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).
6. Dell Upton and John Michael Vlach, editors, Common Places: Readings in American Vernacular Architecture, (Athens, GA: The University of Georgia Press, 1986), pp. xv-xvi.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.72 acres

Acreage of historical setting unknown

Quadrangle name Cockeysville

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Nelson-Bowen House is located at 1310 Hollins Lane near Ruxton in the Ninth District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 79 parcel 118 since its construction circa 1854.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title K. Baynard, Architectural Historian

organization E.H.T. Traceries

date 9/6/02

street and number 1121 Fifth Street North

telephone 202/393-1199

city or town Washington

state DC zip code 20001

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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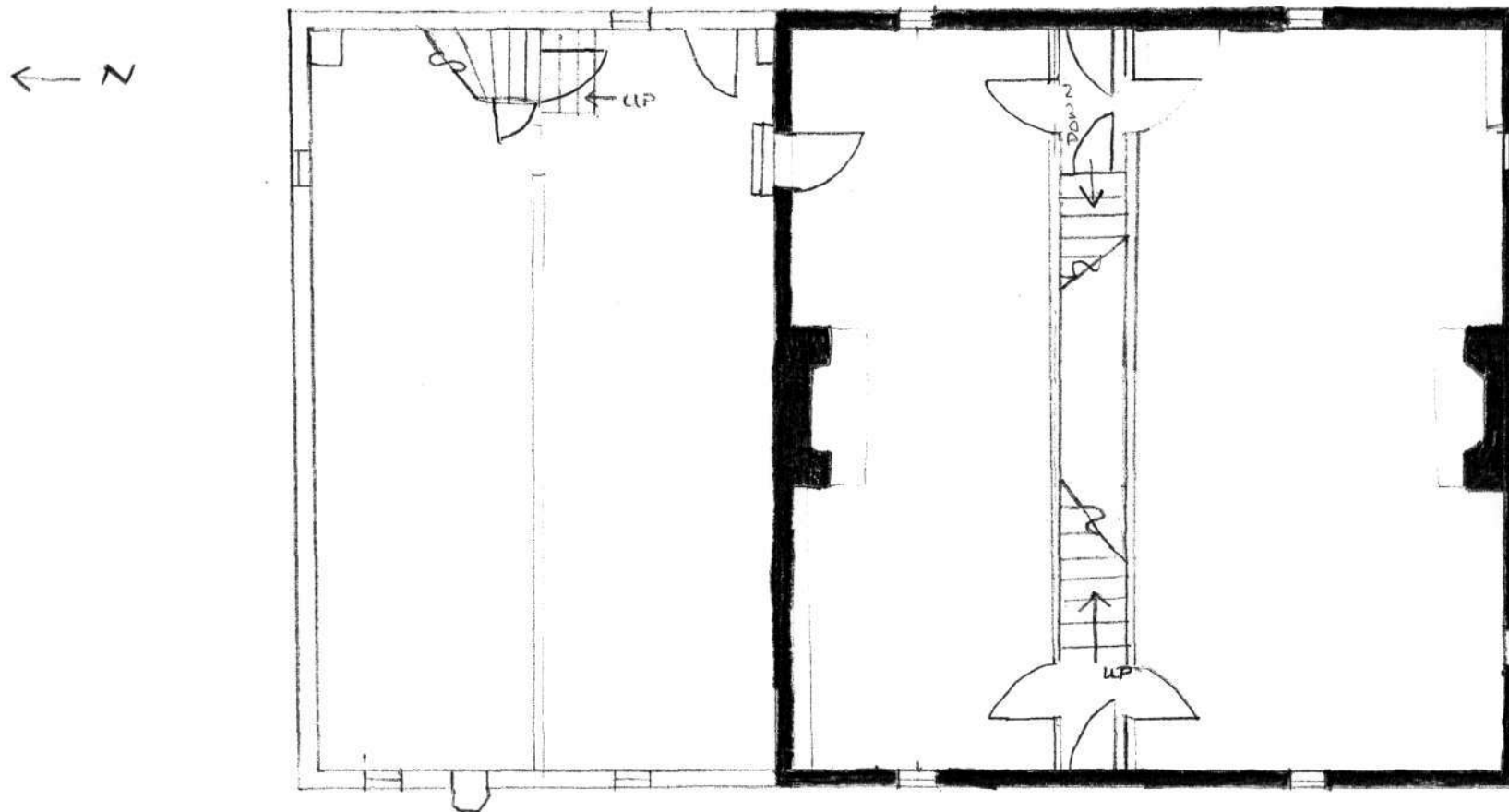
1310 HOLLINS LANE

BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE County

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

NOT DRAWN TO SCALE

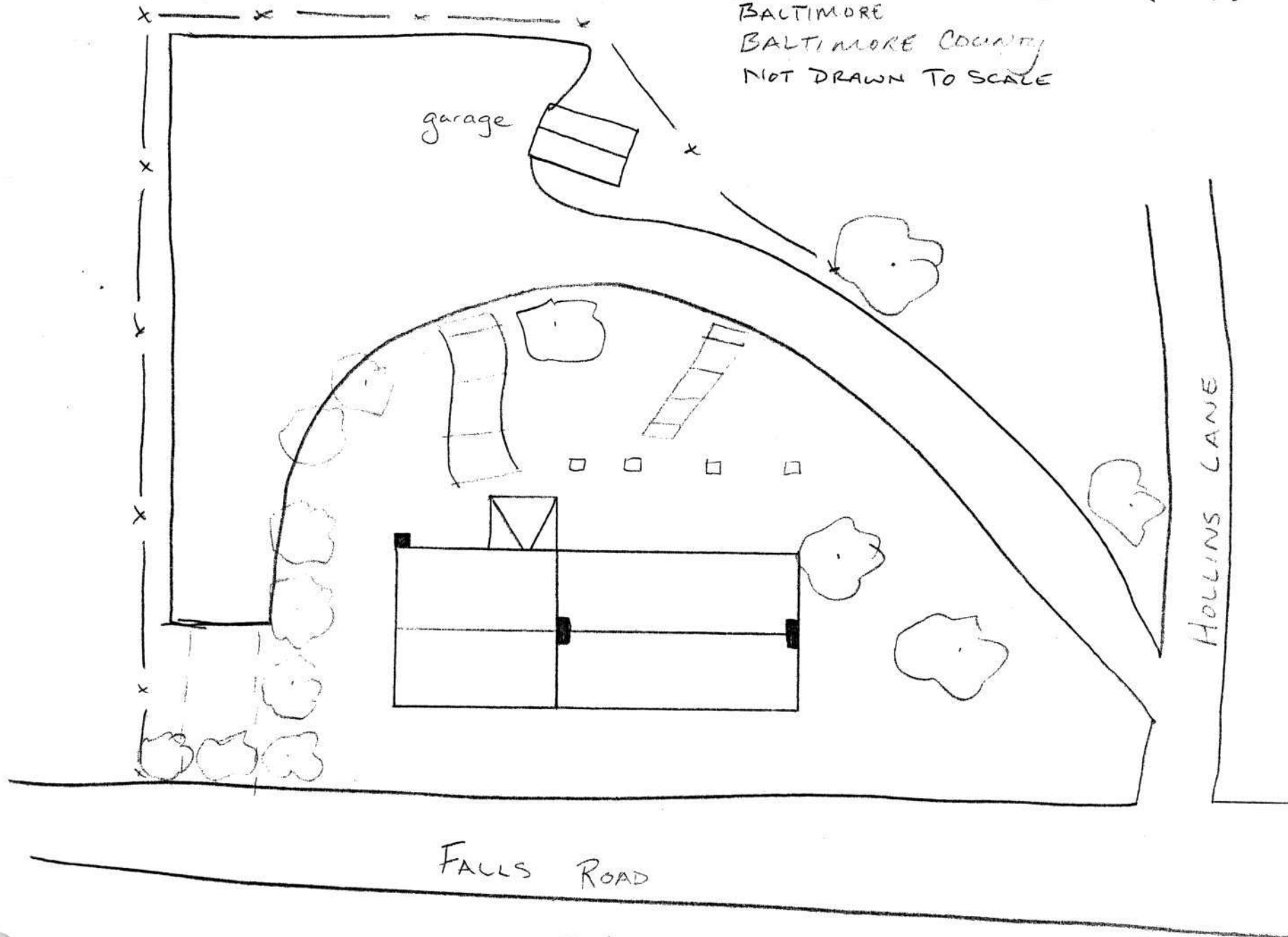


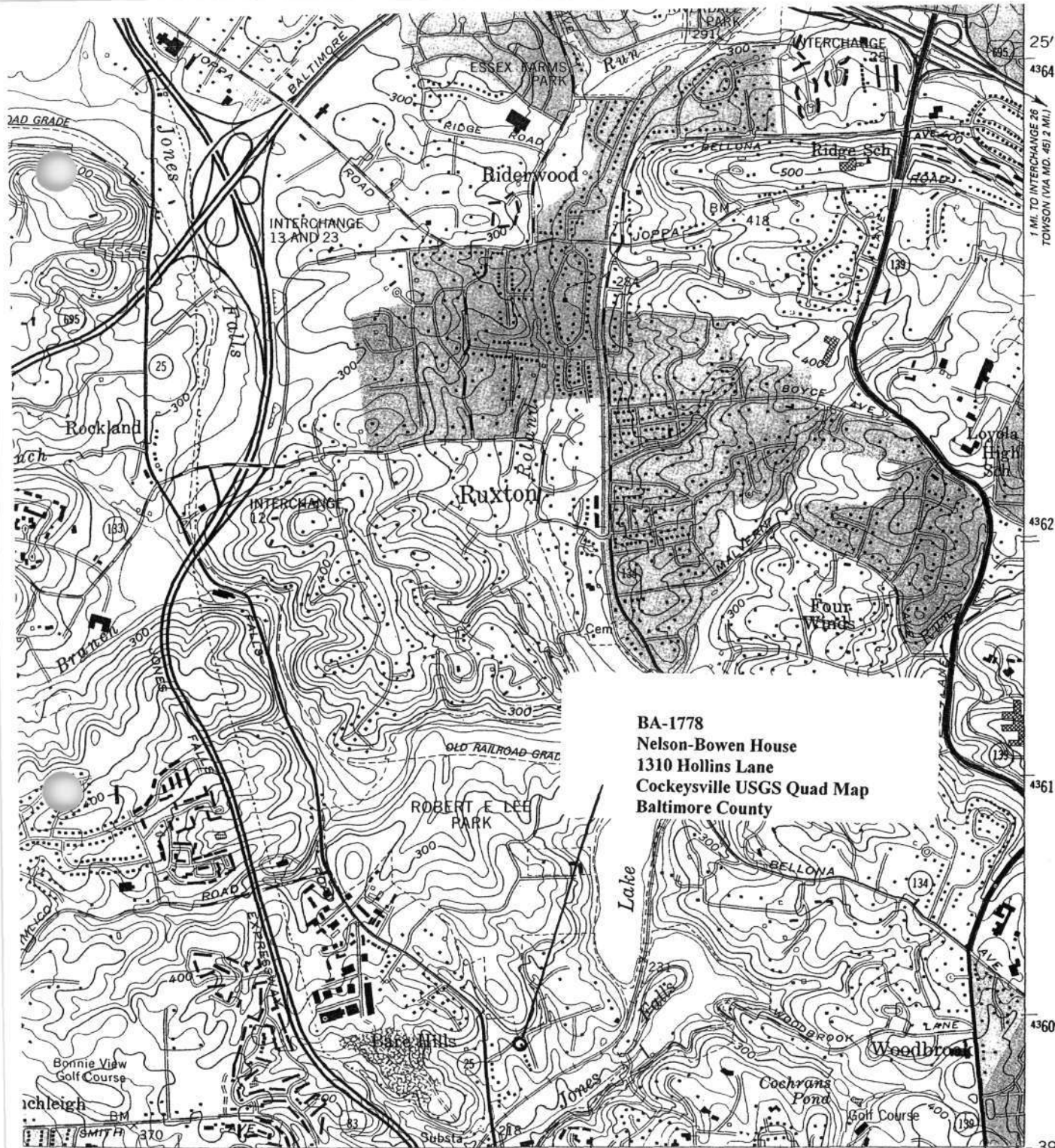
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□ 2nd period: Stone

ROBERT E. LEE PARK

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP
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NELSON-BOWEN HOUSE
1310 HOLLINS LANE
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY
NOT DRAWN TO SCALE





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Nelson-Bowen House
1310 Hollins Lane
Cockeysville USGS Quad Map
Baltimore County

1 MILE
7000 FEET
METER



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
○ Interstate Route ○ U. S. Route ○ State Route

COCKEYSVILLE, MD.
39076-D6-TF-024

1957
PHOTOREVISED 1986
DMA 5662 I NW—SERIES V833

Revisions shown in purple and woodland compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1983 and other sources. This information not field checked Map edited 1986

Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

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(BALTIMORE EAST)
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NELSON-BOWEN HOUSE

1310 HOLLINS LANE

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

5/2002

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MAIN HOUSE, SOUTHWEST CORNER

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1310 HOLLINS LANE
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD
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5/2002
MD SHPO
MAIN HOUSE, NORTH ELEVATION
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1310 HOLLINS LANE

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TRAILERIES

5/2002

MD SHPD

MAIN HOUSE, EAST ELEVATION

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1310 HOLLINS LANE

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5/2002

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GARAGE, NORTH ELEVATION

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FIRST FLOOR, CENTER PASSAGE, VIEW LOOKING WEST

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FIRST FLOOR, CENTER PASSAGE, VIEW LOOKING EAST

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FIRST FLOOR, LIVING ROOM, VIEW LOOKING SOUTHEAST

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TRACERIES

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FIRST FLOOR, REAR PASSAGE, VIEW COOKING SOUTH

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FIRST FLOOR, DINING ROOM, VIEW LOOKING NORTHWEST
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FIRST FLOOR, LIVING ROOM, VIEW LOOKING NORTHEAST
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TRAILERIES

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FIRST FLOOR, KITCHEN, VIEW LOOKING EAST

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**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☒
no ☐

Property Name: Nelson Bowen House Inventory Number: BA-1778
Address: 6131 Falls Road (1310 Hollins Lane) City: Towson Zip Code: 21204
County: Baltimore County USGS Topographic Map: Cockeysville
Owner: Robert F. Adsit Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes
Tax Parcel Number: 68 118 Tax Map Number: 79 Tax Account ID Number: 0920550040
Project: MD 25: City/County Line to Old Court Road (Streetsc Agency: FHWA/SHA
Site visit by MHT staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property is located within a historic district? ☒ yes ☐ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: BA-2998
NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☒ yes Name of District: Bare Hills Historic District
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☒ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☒ yes ☐ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:
Project Review and Compliance

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Nelson Bowen House was not included as a resource with the Bare Hills Historic District nomination, due to owner objection. However, for purposes of SHA's project, it is a contributing resource to the Bare Hills Historic District, and thus eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C (architecture).

Prepared by: Anne E. Bruder, SHA Architectural Hi Date Prepared: 10/18/2002

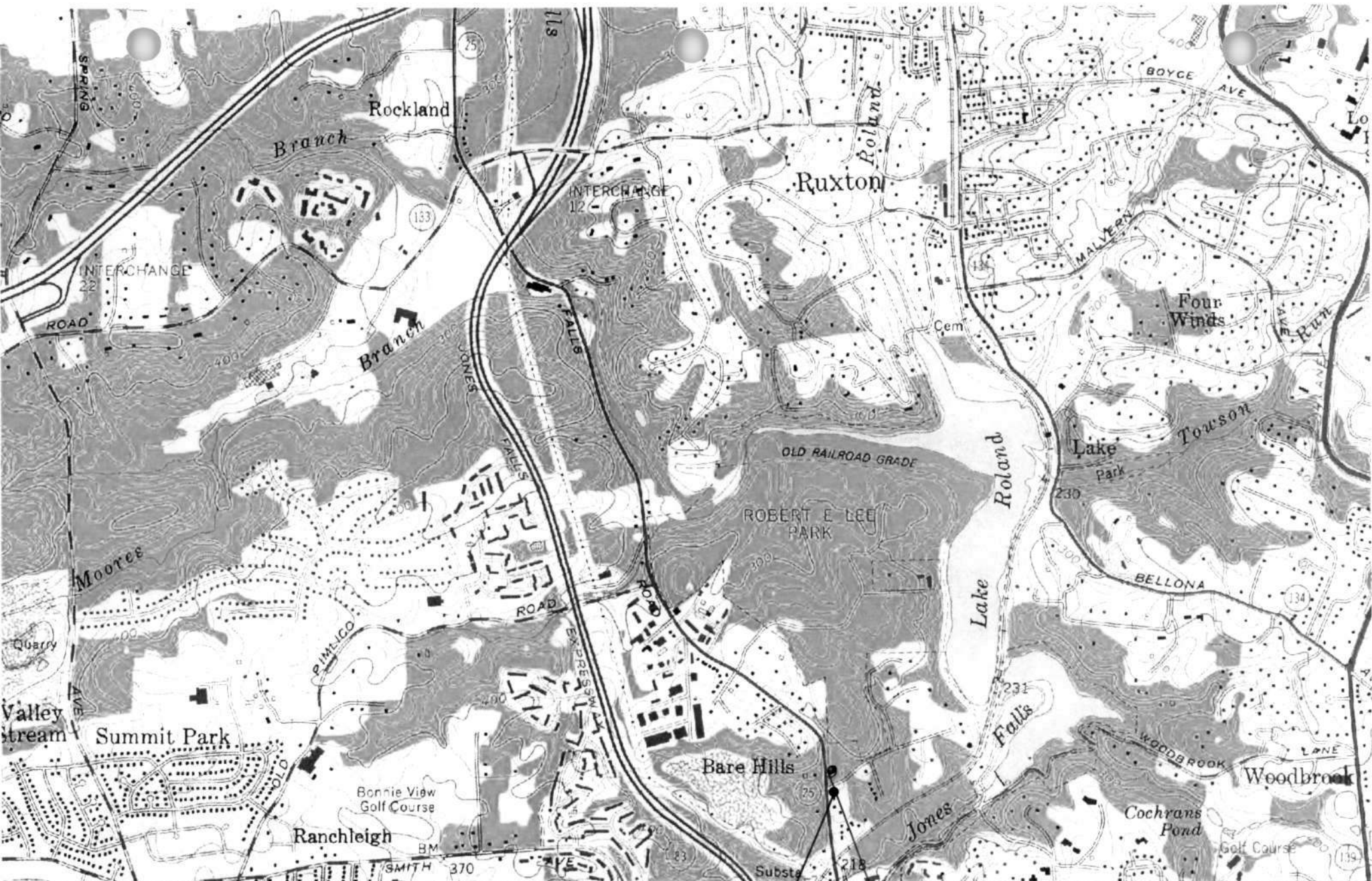
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None
MHT Comments

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services
Peter Kurtze
Reviewer, NR Program

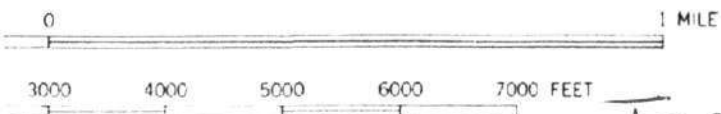
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Robert Barclay House

BA-1778
Bowden House

TOWSON USGS QUAD 1:24 000

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1985

359 000 m E

BALTIMORE (LONG 11 S 1) 4.5 MI

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———



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NELSON & FARMER HILL. (613) FRUSP.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD. OR 1311 HILLS
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SOUTH & EAST FACILITIES

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NELSON BOWEN HOUSE

CAPSULE

#(6131 FALLS ROAD)

1310 Hollins Lane

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Nelson Bowen House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

(6131 Falls Road) 1310 Hollins Lane

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Ninth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Robert F. Adsit

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

6131 Falls Road

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: 5594

Folio #: 209

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED

DATE June, 1979

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In searching an area East of Falls Road for buildings which might pre-date the Civil War era a house that should be considered is the brick structure at # 6131 Falls Road. It is a full two story dwelling resting on a fieldstone foundation that is 18 inches high on the west side. The structure is capped with a gable end roof and extended to the North by a one-and-one-half story log addition.

The main block is three bays wide and two deep. It has a center hall and regular fenestration although the entrance or middle bays are off center to the North. The windows are 6/6 sash and trimmed with louvered shutters that have shutter locks from three different periods. The oldest of these is guessed to be the rat tail locks seen on several windows.

A full porch has been removed on the east side. The north bay of this facade contains a bulkhead entrance to the cellar.

Plastering, insulation, etc. conceal much of the construction of the building. Nothing was observed that supports local belief that the house is "over 200 years old." The present owner learned from the Tormey family across the street that that family's presence in this neighborhood and in their house can be documented back to 1857 and they are strong in their belief that the brick house pre-dates their frame dwelling. It probably does but no clearly identifiable 18th century fabric can be seen.

What can be seen, however, is quite interesting. There is no "hall" as such but rather front and back stairs that are enclosed in a central location. The entrance door opens practically right on the first step of the stairs (41 inches wide) and doors on the immediate right and left give access to the parlors. The parlors each have a fireplace served by the interior end chimneys. The fireplaces are of the round arch coal burning type. In both parlors they are faced with elaborate mantels and surrounds carved from slate and are marbleized. They are further decorated with etched spandrels and keys with figurines. The chimney breasts are 56 3/4 inches wide and project into the room 18 1/2 inches. The rooms on the first level have 8 foot ceilings. Relatively plain mouldings with three-quarter round inner edges decorate the doors and windows. In these rooms and elsewhere in the house double cross mortise-and-tenon doors were seen that have early metal box locks.

Like the first level the upper level consist mainly of two room and the narrow hall. The same mouldings are present and door types. The ceilings are 8 feet 4 inches on this level and the

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1830 - 1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore County Land Records

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.72

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Attachment

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

WAYNE L. NIELD, II

ORGANIZATION

HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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chimneys are narrower. That of the south room is 32 inches wide and projects from the wall 17 inches.

There is no known access to the roof framing.

Examination of the basement shows a full sized room with walls made of flat fieldstones and an attempt at coursing. 3" x 11½" joists were seen that were vertically sawn on the broad side and hewn on the edge. The sawmarks were not as regular as one would expect for mechanically sawn lumber.

North wing:

The absence of a south end wall for this section proves it to be an addition. Although no wall logs were seen, the thickness of the walls and the recollection of the owner of having seen "rubble" infill (chinking) while doing spot repair suggest that this is a log building. It is one-and-one-half stories high, approximately 21 feet long (three bays) and 15 feet (two bays) deep.

The west facade of this wing has evenly placed 6/6 windows in the outer bays, although they are off center to the block. Like the main block there is a centrally located entrance with a northern shift due to centrally placed stairs. The north end is symmetrical with two tall evenly placed casement windows in the upper level and one centrally placed 6/6 below. There is no end chimney, only a modern exterior flue attached to the northeast corner. The east facade is like that of the west (although the openings do not line up between the two) and has only recently been altered for a porch.

The interior of the log wing in some ways is as imitative as the exterior. It consists of two rooms down and two up with a central stairs. Its first floor ceilings are 8 feet 2 inches high while upstairs they are the typical tray ceilings and knee walls of a half story.

The owner has collected the tradition told by the Tormeys that this addition housed a shoemakers' shop.

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CHAIN OF TITLE FOR # 6131 FALLS ROAD
Parcel 118, map 79

<u>LIBER</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>
5594	209	December 15, 1975	Eleanor Brooke Cottman	Robert F. Adsit
<p>Beginning at the center of Falls Road at a point intersected by the extension of the centerline of an avenue...Northwest 150.16 feet and Northeast 180.38 feet...Northeast 227.17 feet...Southeast 113.83 feet... Southeast 90.75 feet to an avenue...Southwest 315.1 feet to the beginning. Containing 1.72 acres known as # 6131 Falls Road.</p>				
1077	242	October 10, 1939	F. Carroll Tormey & wf	Eleanor Brooke Cottman
896	33	March 11, 1932	David M. Davis & wife	F. Carroll Tormey & wife
<p>Beginning...Northwest 150 feet 2 inches, Northeast 407 feet 5½ inches, Northwest 189 feet 9 inches, Northeast 115 feet 5 inches, Southeast 19 feet 10 inches, Southeast 82 feet 6 inches, Southeast 61 feet 1 inch, Southeast 77 feet 7 inches, Southeast 38 feet, Southeast 26 feet 5 inches, Southeast 74 feet 3 inches, Southeast 203 feet, Southeast 9 inches, Southwest 315 feet 1 inch to beginning.</p>				
838	458	November 15, 1929	Edwina C. Wharton Smith & hus.	David M. Davis & wf
634	341	July 23, 1926	John T. Starr & wife et al	Edwina C. Wahrton Smith
272	14	November 23, 1903	Henry Otto Buttner	James T. Starr & wife
<p>First: Containing 1 acre, 3 roods, 16 perches Second: Containing 1 acre, 1 rood, 12 square perches Being lot # 4 and #5 on a plat of "Spring Hill" in Land Record 54/412</p>				
117	151	October 5, 1889	Michael R. Buttner & wf	Henry Otto Buttner

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From the following two deeds conveyed from Samuel Barnes to Michail R. Buttner:

19	235	July 3, 1857	(Lot #5)
9	562	May 29, 1854	(Lot #4)

AWB 359	17	October 29, 1845	Federal Earickson & wife	Samuel Barnes
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Beginning at the center of Falls Turnpike road intersected by the Susquehanna Rail Road being the end of a line Southwest from the 6 mile stone on the Falls Turnpike road running up the center of Susquehanna Road...Northwest to the east 150 perches outline of the land conveyed by Charles Ridgely of Hampton to Jesse Tyson ...March 13, 1813. Containing 108 acres, 33 square perches.

Subject to "reservation expressed in Indenture relative to right of Charles A. Buchanan to conduct the water in pipes from the Spring on the land herein described situated a short distance North of the dwelling house on said land, to the Tavern house of the said Charles A. Buchanan, in the fork formed by the two branches of the Rail Road..." (First noted in TK 289/380)

TK 315	96	December 16, 1841	John Young	Federal Earickson & wife
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Being parts of the following four tracts:

Edward and Wills Valleys and Hills
The Labyrinth
Youngs Delight
Hectors Hop Yard

TK 289	380	June 6, 1839	Nelson Bowen & wife	John Young
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Subject to mortgage from Nelson Bowen and wife to Mary Cockey by deed dated May 26, 1836, TK 259/496, for securing payment of \$ 1,550 at the expiration of five years from 1936.

TK 259	493	May 26, 1836	Charles A. Buchanan & wife	Nelson Bowen & wife
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TK 246	453	March 28, 1835	Josias Pennington & George C. Morton Trustees et al	Charles A. Buchanan
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Trustees for the benefit of the creditors of Robert S. Hollins,
an insolvent debtor.

Mortgage WG 202/62 November 13, 1829
Robert S. Hollins to The President and Directors
of the Farmers and Merchants
Bank of Baltimore

Only a small portion of the debt needed to be secured

Josias Pennington was appointed Provisional Trustee for the benefit
of the creditors.

Sold by public auction to Charles A. Buchanan for \$12,000

Part of the following 8 tracts:

Samuels Hope
Hopyard
Youngs Delight
Hectors Hopyard
Edwards and Wills Valleys and Hills
Morgans Delight
The Labyrinth
Benjamins Mill Lot Reserveyed

Containing 462½ acres

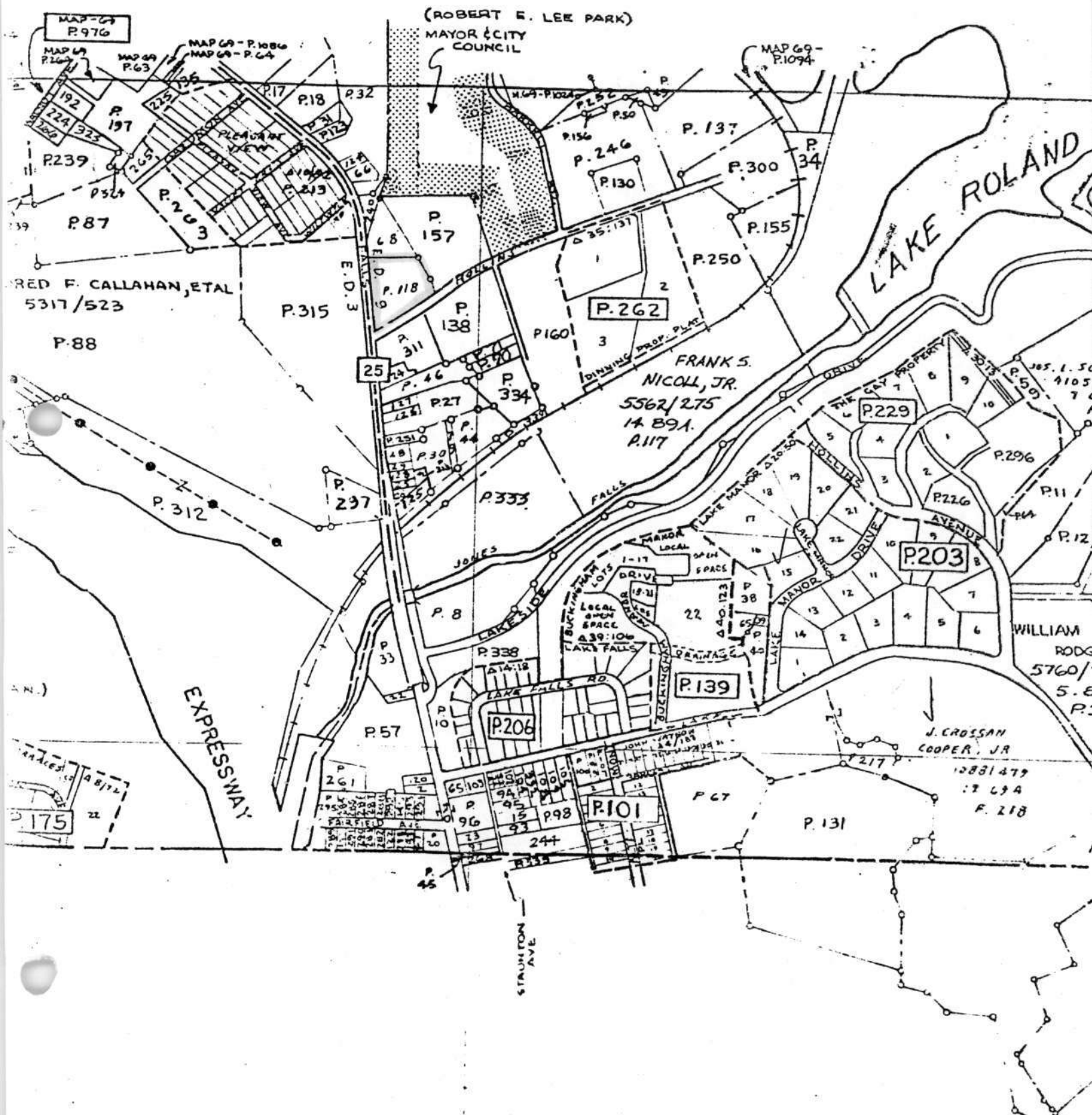
From the following two mortgages to the parties of the second part (The President
and Directors of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Baltimore) from Jesse Tyson

WG 154 660 October 27, 1819

WG 153 667 October 12, 1819

Jesse Tyson acquired the land from the following deeds:

WG 123	35	January 21, 1813	Ruth & Mary W. Bowen (Ruth Bowen is the widow of Nathan Bowen)
WG 122	460	March 17, 1813	Charles Ridgely of Hampton
WG 122	383	March 11, 1813	William Bowen
WG 120	711	November 19, 1812	Ruth & Charles Bowen
WG 145	657	May 16, 1818	Mahlon Milnor







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NELSON BOWEN Hse.

S.W. CORNER

J. CORCORAN
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NELSON BOWEN HSE.
E. FACADE

J. CORCORAN
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NELSON BOWEN HSE.
N.W. CORNER

J. CORCORAN
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